



COGS Coastal Series 2017

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NOTICE OF RACE

Preamble

COGS is not an organising authority but works with the organising authorities of the seven individual coastal races (listed below) to coordinate a series. This document is a common NoR for the seven coastal races in the series and has been written and issued jointly by each organising authority. Each organising authority is responsible for their individual race and will issue sailing instructions accordingly.

Organising Authorities:

Race 1	Falmouth to Fowey:	RCYC Events Ltd
Race 2	Fowey to Falmouth:	POFROC
Race 3	Gull Rock–Manacles:	Flushing Sailing Club
Race 4	Plymouth to Fowey:	Saltash Sailing Club
Race 5	Eddystone Race:	St Mawes Sailing Club
Race 6	Falmouth to Penzance:	Penzance Sailing Club
Race 7	Falmouth Coastal race:	Mylor Yacht Club

1. RULES

- 1.1 The series will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 Rules will be changed by the sailing instructions as follows:
 - 26 - to allow staggered starts and pursuit races;
 - 26 - to allow VHF broadcasts in place of flag signals;
 - 28, A4 & A5 - to allow a start window and to score boats DNS without a hearing;
 - 29 - to replace individual recalls by fixed time penalties;
 - 32 - to allow shortening course to be signalled by VHF radio;
 - 33 - to allow course changes to be signalled by VHF radio;
 - 35, A4 & A5 - to allow finish time limits and to score boats DNF without a hearing;
 - 62 - to limit a boat's right to redress.The changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.
- 1.3 The IRC Rules 2016 Parts A, B and C will apply.
- 1.4 IRC rules will be changed as follows:
 - a. 22.4 - to remove the restriction on crew numbers and weight.
 - b. The change will appear in full in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may also change other IRC rules.
- 1.5 ISAF Offshore Special Regulations (OSR) 2016-2017 will apply. The category will be specified by the organising authority of the race and described in the sailing instructions.
- 1.6 Local regulations will apply concerning safe navigation in close proximity of commercial and military vessels restricted in their ability to manoeuvre, and dive vessels. Full details will be given in the sailing instructions for each race.
- 1.7 In the event of conflict between this notice of race and the sailing instructions then the sailing instructions shall prevail.

2. ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 Racing will be provided for IRC and Byron PN (ByPN) monohull boats, either fully-crewed or two-handed.
- 3.2 Entrants shall opt to sail under IRC or ByPN before the warning signal of the first race which they enter and will not be permitted to change at any time thereafter during the series.
- 3.3 Entry is open to boats that:
 - a. are seaworthy and which comply to the ISAF Offshore Special Regulations specified by the organising authority of each race;
 - b. hold a current and valid IRC rating (primary certificate or short-handed certificate) or a ByPN verified by COGS;
 - c. have completed an entry form and paid in full;
 - d. are registered with the MCA Voluntary Safety Identification Scheme (CG66);
- 3.4 Boats racing under ByPN shall provide the handicap number provided by Byron together with the input data used to calculate the handicap. A boat entering without a recognised ByPN will be issued a number from the 2016/17 list that best matches the boat type and model. In the event that there are no suitable matches, the COGS handicapper will issue a ByPN derived from other boat listings.
- 3.5 The question of a boat's ByPN number, or an adjustment to a number, shall not be grounds for redress.
- 3.6 All entries shall be submitted on-line at www.cogsracing.org.uk
- 3.7 Entries shall be submitted no later than midday on the Wednesday before the scheduled race date (the onus is on the competitor to ensure the entry has been received in time).
 - a. Late entries **for IRC boats only** may be submitted between midday on the Wednesday before the scheduled race and no later than two hours before the start of that race.
- 3.8 An entry is not complete until:
 - a. the entry fee has been paid in full;
 - b. a copy of the IRC rating certificate has been submitted to COGS; New certificates shall be sent by email to BOTH geoff-davies@gmx.com and to chris.ogg@btinternet.com to be received no later than 24 hours before the scheduled start of the next race;
 - c. a ByPN number and associated input data has been submitted to, and verified by, COGS.

4. FEES

- 4.1 The series entry fee is **£65**
- 4.2 The entry fee for individual races is **£20** per race
- 4.3 Late IRC entries (see 3.7(a)) will be subject to an **additional £5 late entry fee**.
- 4.4 Payment **MUST** be made by BACS using the account details stated in the on-line entry system, with boat name and or sail number as reference.

5. SCHEDULE

The schedule of races is listed in appendix A.

6. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

The OA may inspect boats and equipment for compliance with the rules of the series.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing instructions will be posted on-line at www.cogsracing.org.uk at least 7 days before the race, and may also be obtained from the organising authority.

8. VENUE AND COURSES

- 8.1 The race office for each race will be as described in the sailing instructions.
- 8.2 The racing area will be 04.00W to 06.00W; courses for each race will be as described in the sailing instructions.

9. BERTHING

Official information governing berthing for each race will be given in the sailing instructions for that race.

10. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 10.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.
- 10.2 The race committee may make VHF radio announcements to competitors during the race and during the pre-start period. Any announcement, or failure to receive an announcement, shall not be cause for redress.
- 10.3 Boats shall advise the race committee by VHF radio the name of the boat and the number of crew on board no later than the warning signal for fleet starts or 30 minutes before a boat's individual start time for a Pursuit race.

11. PRIZES

- 11.1 Prizes will be awarded for 1st to 3rd places in the IRC, ByPN, IRC Two Handed and ByPH Two Handed classes (this may vary depending on the number of entries). Any yacht may enter Two-handed class (in either IRC or ByPN) by notifying the race officer before the start or within one hour of finishing.
- 11.2 An inter-club championship will run throughout the series. Three yachts plus a reserve will be nominated by the Club's COGS representative (these need not be the same yachts in all races). The inter-club championship will be awarded to the club with the least number of points at the end of the series.
- 11.3 The Top Yacht Trophy is awarded to the boat that has sailed the most races and attained the least number of points in the IRC or ByPN series. The trophy is retained by the winner.
- 11.4 Details of prizes are given in appendix B.
- 11.5 COGS and the organising authority may also award other prizes.

12. SCORING

- 12.1 The following changes Appendix A Scoring
- 12.2 One race is required to constitute the series.
- 12.3 When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's score shall be the total of her race scores.
- 12.4 When five races have been completed, a boat's score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 12.5 When six races have been completed, a boat's score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.
- 12.6 When seven races have been completed, a boat's score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her three worst scores.
- 12.7 For the inter-club championship, the sum of the scores of the nominated boats in each club team will be used to define the score of the club in each race.
 - a) If a team is not submitted, or is incomplete, then up to three yachts from that club with the worst scores in the race will be used to make up a team.
 - b) If a position on the team cannot be filled then a DNS will be awarded using the higher value of DNS from the IRC or ByPN fleet. The maximum score that could be assigned is, therefore, three times DNS. It should be noted that a DNS score is based on the number of boats entering the series and this will not be known until the last race.
- 12.8 A club's series score will be determined as per paragraphs 12.1 to 12.5.
- 12.9 The organising authority has the absolute right to cancel an event, postpone an event or rearrange an event to a different date. Such changes shall not be cause for redress.

13. RISK STATEMENT

- 13.1 Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone".
- 13.2 Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:
 - a. they are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event.
 - b. they are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
 - c. they accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions and omissions;
 - d. their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
 - e. provision of a race management team, and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
 - f. they are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face extremes of weather; that there is a crew sufficient in number, experience and fitness to withstand such weather; and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and is familiar

to the crew.

- 13.3 The fact that the race committee conducts inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of each competitor set out in this notice of race.

14. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of £3,000,000 per incident or the equivalent. Competitors will be required to sign a declaration to this effect at registration.

15. MEDIA RIGHTS

Competitors and/or their Guardians automatically grant to the OA and any party to which they may delegate this right, without payment the right in perpetuity to make, use and show (including via the internet), any motion pictures, still pictures, live, taped or filmed television or any other form of media, of or relating to the event.

16. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information governing the races and series please www.cogsracing.org.uk or contact the individual organising clubs or the club's COGS representative.

Organising Authority	Club Contact Details	COGS Representative
RCYC Events Ltd	Greenbank, Falmouth TR11 2SW Tel: 01326 312126	Christine Bloor/Jack Penty 07813 180214/07786 217631
St Mawes Sailing Club	1 The Quay, St Mawes TR2 5DG Tel: 01326 270920	Mark Humphries 07802 615404
POFROC	Whitford Yard, Fowey PL23 1BH Tel: 01726 833573	Chris Ogg 07785 382525

Flushing Sailing Club	New Quay, Flushing TR11 5TZ Tel: 01326 374043	Ian Jackeways 07733 125969
Saltash Sailing Club	Tamar St, Saltash PL12 4EL	Neil Tratham 07790 906987
Penzance Sailing Club	Albert Pier, Penzance TR18 2LL	Alan Spencer Smith 07830 328684
Mylor Yacht Club	Mylor Church Town TR11 5UF 01326 374391	Mike Lithgow

Appendix A to COGS Coastal Series 2016 NoR Schedule of Races

Date	Organising Authority	Race Coastal/Offshore Sponsor	Course and Approximate Distance	Safety Requirements	Prize-Giving
15/04/17	RCYC Events Ltd	Sharps Brewery Falmouth – Fowey Race Coastal Sponsored by: Sharps Brewery & Henri Lloyd	Falmouth to Fowey 35 miles	ISAF OSR Category 4 with liferaft	Fowey Gallants Sailing Club
16/04/17	POFROC Port of Fowey Race Organising Committee.	The St Austell Brewery Fowey to Helford Race Coastal Sponsored by: St Austell Brewery	Fowey to Falmouth 22 miles	ISAF OSR Category 4 with liferaft	Royal Cornwall Yacht Club
28/05/17	Flushing Sailing Club	Formation Marine Gull Rock – Manacles Race Coastal Sponsored by: Formation Marine & South West Play	Falmouth, Gull Rock, Gwineas Buoy, Manacles, Falmouth 35 miles	See Sailing Instructions	Flushing Sailing Club
03/06/17	Saltash Sailing Club	Saltash Coastal Race Race Coastal Sponsored by: Skinners Brewery	Plymouth to Fowey 25 miles	See Sailing Instructions	Royal Fowey Yacht Club
17/06/17	St Mawes Sailing Club	St Mawes Hotel Eddystone Race Coastal Overnight Sponsored by: Freshwater Boat Yard	St Mawes, Eddystone Lighthouse, St Mawes 90 miles	See Sailing Instructions	St Mawes Sailing Club
15/07/17	Penzance Sailing Club	A2 Rigging Penzance Race Coastal Sponsored by: A2 Rigging	Falmouth River to Penzance 35 miles	See Sailing Instructions	Penzance Sailing Club
09/09/17	Mylor Yacht Club	Mylor Yacht Harbour 'Lay up' Cup Race Coastal	Choice of courses in the area of Carrick Roads to Gwineas Buoy 30 miles	See Sailing Instructions	Mylor Yacht Club

**Appendix B to COGS Coastal Series 2015 NoR
Prizes**

Race Prizes

Race	IRC	Handicap	Two Handed IRC & ByPN
Sharp's Brewery Fowey Race	1 st - Sharps Brewery Trophy & glassware 2 nd & 3 rd - Glassware	1 st - Sharps Brewery Trophy & glassware 2 nd & 3 rd - Glassware	1 st - Fowey Two handed Cup
Formation Marine Gull Rock – Manacles <i>Race Additional prizes by South West Play</i>	1 st - Formation Marine GRP Trophy & glassware 2 nd & 3 rd - Glassware	1 st - Formation Marine GRP Trophy & glassware 2 nd & 3 rd - Glassware	1 st - Glassware
Skinnners Brewery Saltash Coastal Race	1 st - RSNA Malta Trophy & glassware 2 nd & 3 rd - Glassware	1 st - Trophy & glassware 2 nd & 3 rd - Glassware	1 st - Glassware
Freshwater Boatyard Eddystone Race <i>Additional prizes and breakfast by Freshwater Boatyard</i>	1 st - Idle Rocks Trophy & glassware 2 nd & 3 rd - Glassware	1 st - Turtle Dove Trophy & glassware 2 nd & 3 rd - Glassware	1 st 2 nd 3 rd - Glassware
A2 Rigging Penzance Race <i>Additional prizes by A2 rigging</i>	1 st - A2 Rigging Trophy & glassware 2 nd & 3 rd - Glassware	1 st - A2 Rigging Trophy & glassware 2 nd & 3 rd - Glassware	1 st Glassware
St Austell Brewery Fowey to Helford.Race <i>Prizes by St Austell Brewery</i>	1 st - Trophy & glassware 2 nd & 3 rd - Glassware	1 st - St Austell Brewery Pump Handle & glassware 2 nd & 3 rd - Glassware	1 st Glassware
Mylor Yacht Harbour 'Lay Up' Cup	1 st - Mylor Yacht Harbour Lay Up Cup & glassware 2 nd & 3 rd - Glassware	1 st - Mylor Yacht Harbour Lay Up Cup & glassware 2 nd & 3 rd -Glassware	1 st Mylor Yacht Harbour Lay Up Cup & Glassware

Series Prizes - sponsored by Mylor Chandlery and Premier Marinas

Coastal Series	1 st	2 nd & 3 rd
IRC	The Gweek Quay Lutine Trophy & glassware	Glassware
ByPN	The Adela Trophy & glassware	Glassware
Two-Handed	Morvah Trophy & glassware	Glassware
Inter-Club Championship	The HMS Seahawk Trophy	-
Top Yacht Trophy + Champagne <i>Sponsored by Penrose Sail Makers</i>	Top Yacht Trophy	-

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